

## TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

**DATE:** December 3, 2015

**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Tom C. Clark Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 205 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, TX 78701

### AGENDA

The Commission may discuss and/or take action on any of the following items:

1. Commencement of meeting - *Judge Sharon Keller*
2. Attendance of members
3. Approval of minutes from August 21, 2015
4. Opening remarks and Chair's report – *Judge Sharon Keller*
  - a. Welcome new members- Senator Brandon Creighton and Representative Andrew Murr
  - b. Resolutions for Representative Roberto Alonzo and Senator Royce West
  - c. Report on Strategic Planning meeting April 13-15
  - d. Report on Timothy Cole Exoneration Review Commission
  - e. Report on Texas Judicial Council's Criminal Justice Committee
5. Report from Director – *Mr. Jim Bethke*
  - a. Consideration of Texas A&M PPRI proposal to study pre-trial release practices
  - b. Report on Bureau of Justice Assistance grant award to Texas A&M, Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) to develop a Smart Defense Data Portal
  - c. Report on Senator Ellis request related to low misdemeanor appointment rates
  - d. Update on Recent Activities
6. Grants and Reporting – *Judge Jon Burrows*
  - a. Report on Fair Defense Account - Fund 5073
  - b. Report on FY16 budget
  - c. Report on FY15 Indigent Defense Expenditure Reports
  - d. Report on Formula Grant Program
    - i. Update on previous year formula grant outstanding issues
    - ii. Consider award of FY16 formula grants
    - iii. Adopt FY16 Formula Grant Award Statement including standard and special conditions
    - iv. Consider policy for supplemental formula funding from General Revenue for capital case defense representation for counties not eligible to join the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases
  - f. Report on Discretionary Grant Program
    - i. Consider supplemental grant award to Lubbock County for legislatively directed support for public defender for capital cases in Hidalgo County
    - ii. Update on current discretionary grants and consider modifications
    - iii. Consider FY16 pending discretionary grant applications
      1. Expansion of TRLA Regional Public Defender to Starr, Duval & Jim Hogg Counties.
      2. Report on Ad Hoc Technology Committee meeting
      3. Conference of Urban Counties- TechShare (Bell County) Implementation of Functional Enhancements
    - iv. Consider pending extraordinary grant requests
    - v. Consider Harris County Technical Support grant in response to mixed DNA protocol changes
    - vi. Consider Technical Support grant to Travis County for mentoring project using grant funds from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division
    - vii. Consider adoption and issuance of FY17 Discretionary Grant Request for Application (RFA)
7. Policies and Standards—*Mr. Tony Odiorne*
  - a. Consider imposition of a remedy against Hidalgo County under Texas Administrative

Code Title 1 Section 173.307

- b. Report on recent policy monitoring reviews
  - c. Report on 2015 Indigent Defense Plan Submission process
  - d. Report on Attorney Practice Time Reports
- 8. Report on fiscal monitoring program— *Ms. Debra Stewart*
  - 9. Next meeting
  - 10. New business
  - 11. Public comment
  - 12. Adjournment